THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a)

Qty. : Million ')' c.i.f.
Value : Rs./CKMBS

| | Kerosene | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Indigenous Production | Imports | |
| | Qty. | Qty. value | |
| 1985-86 (Estimated) | 4·16 | 2·09 | 680·50 |

(b) This is of the order of *lis*. 500 crores.

(c) The steps include expansion of the existing network of Kerosene LDO dealers particularly at Taluka/ Tehsil levels. State Governments, have also been advised to take stern action against all those indulging in malpractices like hoarding and black marketing in the sale of Kerosene.

(d) To raise additional resources for the plan and to curtail the outgo of foreign exchange on imports.

**Delay jn sending electricity bills in Government colonies in Delh;**

*114. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a") whether Government are aware that the electricity bill- in the Government colonies in Delhi are not sent for years together;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what is the number of eases in which electricity bills were not sent formore than two years daring the last thx-ee years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the electricity bills in Pushp Vihar, (M. B. Road) have not been sent f«r more than four years;

(d) if so, what are the rea therefor; and

(e) what steps Government propose to lake in the matter?

THE MIINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) r.nd *(I)* According to DESU, normally it takes three to four months to send the first electricity consumption charges bill. In fact, from May 15, 1985, a new procedure has been intruduced, *Inter* alia, to ensure rendering of first bills within two to three months of the energisation of a connection. Isolated cases of late billing whicii might occur in fast developing • colonies such as those in the trans-Yamuna areas, are rectified as soon as possible. DESU has also recently increased the number of Districts from 15 to 20 so that adequate attention is paid to consumers in the outlying colonies. Further, DESU is installing its own computer system, with terminals in all District Offices which is expected to improve the billing system by replacing the present manual operations.

(c) to (e) DESU is launching a drive involving door to door chack-ing in the Pushp Vihar Government employees colony to ascertain and ensure that consumers receive their bills regularly and are not inconvenienced in making payments.

**Exemption of jume industries from the M.R.T.P. Act**

♦115. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ;
SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Govern-1 ment have exempted hoteliering and